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METHODIST CHURCH

Lot #53

The first Methodist services in Charlestown were held in a large brick house that stood where the Methodist Parsonage is now. That house had belonged to John Ross Key, father of Francis Scott Key, author of The Star Spangled Banner. John Ross Key sold the house to Nathaniel Ramsey, Colonel in the Revolutionary War. In the early days of the rebellion, Colonel Ramsey was the leader of the Council of Safety in this area and many accretive meetings were held in his home. At his death, the town bought the house from his heirs and established the first church, which was shared by both Methodist and Presbyterian congregations.

In 1949 a brick Methodist parsonage was built on the approximate site of the original Ramsey House.

Four years after the organization of the Methodist Society In Charlestown, a small wooden frame church bullding was built. This church was occupied by the Methodist until 1856 when the congregation moved into the newly built brick church.

The Reverend James Neal of Philadelphia preached the dedicatory service and Bishop Scott dedicated the church at this service.





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